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APPLICANT: GALLOWAY: Edward L.

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TITLE: CONSTANT FORCE ACTUATOR FOR BLEEDING TIME TESTING DEVICE

REMARKS

In the Official Action, Restriction was required between the two (2) inventions identified in the original application. In particular, restriction was required between the subject matter of Group I, namely Claims 21 - 32, as drawn to a bleeding time testing system; and Group II, namely Claims 33 - 39, as drawn to a tripping device.

Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Requirement for Restriction, Applicant is desirous of securing an Official Action on the merits at an early time. As such, Applicant herein respectfully elects Group I, namely Claims 21 - 32, as drawn to the bleeding time testing system. Applicant reserves the right to take such other measures as it deems appropriate so as to protect the subject matter of the non-elected claims, such as the filing of a divisional application.

Based upon the foregoing analysis, Applicant contends that an Official Action on the merits is in order and such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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